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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

9 No. 4:15-CR-6049-EFS-11

10 Plaintiff,

11 **ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION**
12 **FOR WAIVER OF RIGHT TO ATTEND**
13 **PRETRIAL HEARING**

v.

14 SALVADOR GUDINO CHAVEZ (11),

15 Defendant.

16 Before the Court, without oral argument, are Defendant Salvador
17 Gudino Chavez's (11) Motion for Waiver of Right to Attend Pretrial
18 Hearing, ECF No. 352, and related Motion to Expedite, ECF No. 354.
19 Defendant asserts that he lives in Inglewood, California, and it
20 would be a hardship for him to travel to Washington for the hearing.
He therefore requests permission to waive his right to be present at
the February 21, 2017 pretrial conference. The Government has no
objection.

21 The pretrial conference is not anticipated to involve questions
22 of fact, see Fed. R. Crim. P. 43(b)(3) (A defendant need not be
23 present for a "proceeding involv[ing] only a conference or hearing on
24 a question of law."), and Defendant Chavez has submitted a signed
25 declaration indicating that he knowingly and voluntarily waives his
26 right to be present, ECF No. 353. Therefore, the Court finds good

cause to accept Defendant's waiver of presence at the pretrial conference.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Defendant Salvador Gudino Chavez's Motion for Waiver of Right to Attend Pretrial Hearing, **ECF No. 352**, is **GRANTED**.
2. Defendant Salvador Gudino Chavez's Motion to Expedite, **ECF**

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to all counsel.

DATED this 17th day of February 2017.

s/Edward F. Shea
EDWARD F. SHEA
Senior United States District Judge